



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 1796
PATENT**

Attorney Docket No. 02610-0043

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Shigeo Nakajima et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1796
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Application No.: 10/512,053)	Examiner: Peter A. Szekely
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Filed: October 21, 2004)	
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For: Asphalt Composition)	Confirmation No.: 8411

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed December 14, 2007, the period for response having been extended to April 14, 2008 by a request for extension of one month and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants respond as follows:

Remarks/Arguments follow beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Attachments to this Reply include:

Verified English translation of Japanese Application No. 2002-122931; and

Verified English translation of Japanese Application No. 2002-134040.